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I. IDENTIFICATION DATA:

See Annex 1, this report, Overlay [redacted] Scale 1:100,000, [redacted]
 [redacted] Hodonin, [redacted] the Brno-Slatina Airfield
 and [redacted] the approximate location of the airfield Brno-Turany
 which was under construction.

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1. Brno civilian airfield: Approximately one kilometer southwest of Brno N 49-12, E 16-28. This airfield was adjacent to the north perimeter of Brno-Slatina Military airfield. No fence separated the two airfields. [redacted] guards were on duty only at night, and [redacted] during the day it would be very easy for anyone from the civilian airfield to gain entrance to the military airfield.

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2. Brno-Slatina military airfield: Airfield was adjacent to the south perimeter of Brno-Slatina civilian airfield, rectangular, approximately 1,200 x 1,200 m. Approximately 1 1/2 km. south-west of Brno.

3. Slatina: 3,000 inhabitants; 500 m. southeast of Brno military airfield.

4. State highway: cobblestone, 8 m. wide, good condition, led from Brno east to Olomouc.

5. Railroad, single track: Standard European gauge. Railroad led through northeast section of Brno military airfield.

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6. Turany ~~N~~ 49-09, E 16-407: 3,000 inhabitants; 2 1/2 km. south of Brno military airfield.
7. Runway (Turany Airfield construction site): Concrete northwest to southeast, dimensions unknown [redacted] this runway northeast of Turany was used only by jet-type aircraft. 25X1
8. Taxi strip: Concrete, approximately six to seven meters wide, completed November 1953. [redacted] taxi strip led directly from runway, Pt. 7, to Brno military airfield. Jets, which used runway, Pt. 7, were [redacted] using this taxi strip when taxiing to Brno-Slatina military airfield, Pt. 2, for maintenance. 25X1 25X1
9. Brno: Approximately 350,000 inhabitants.

II. SITE LAYOUT:

See Annex 2, this report, [redacted] sketch of the Brno-Slatina military airfield. Concrete surface indicated by shaded areas on sketch. 25X1

1. P.O.L. Tank: Underground, steel, reinforced with concrete. Surface over P.O.L. storage area was concrete. P.O.L. pumps were located in a stuccoed brick, flat-roof building which was situated directly over P.O.L. tank. Tank truck refueling system was used for aircraft.
2. Bore-sighting range: Concrete with gravel and dirt banks. Approximately 80-85 x 25-30 m.
3. Airstrip, sodded surface, approximately 800 x 450-500 m. Fairly level surface.
4. Taxi strip, (same as Pt. 8, Annex 1, this report.)
5. Engineering offices: Regimental engineering staff was in charge of flight line and hangar personnel. Offices were partitioned off in south side of hangar (Pt. 6, below).
6. Hangar: concrete reinforced construction, flat roof; 80 x 50 x 12 m. Two corrugated-metal double sliding doors opening to each end of hangar [redacted] Doors were located on east and west sides of hangar. A concrete reinforced wall divided the length of hangar in two sections; section A was used by the 3rd Fighter Regiment and Section B by the 22nd Fighter Regiment. 25X1
7. Hangar: Multi-colored, same construction and dimensions as hangar, Pt. 5. Engine change and major overhauls were performed in this hangar.
8. Portable storage buildings: Tin and steel constructed, tin and steel low-pitched gable-type roofs; 4 x 2.20 x 2.20 m. Paint, hydraulic fluid, and oil were stored in buildings.
9. Building: Gray stucco brick, roof and building [redacted] Flight line fire and crash crew was located on east end of building; a stockade was on the west end of the building. 25X1

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10. Control tower, glass enclosed control room, flat glass roof; approximately 5 x 5 x 2.5 m. Control tower was constructed on the center section of building, Point 8, above.
11. P.O.L. tank: P.O.L. tank located underground. Gray concrete building, flat concrete roof; 4 x 4 x 2.80 m., was constructed on top of underground P.O.L. storages; building contained meters and refueling pumps.
12. Warehouse: two-story gray stucco brick; roof construction and building [redacted] Warehouse contained aircraft parts, including landing gear and engines. Warehouse consisted of two sections, base supply and service stack. 25X1
13. Base battery shop: Gray stucco brick, flat concrete roof; [redacted] Building also housed electrical shop. 25X1
14. Utility building: Gray stucco brick, flat roof; [redacted] Building contained a bench stock for aircraft (nuts, screws, and bolts), a paint shop, and a carpenter's work shop. 25X1
15. Shoe repair and tailor shop: Gray stucco brick, flat roof; 9 x 5 x 3 m.
16. Airfield road: dirt, 4.5 m. wide; poor condition.
17. Mobile radar unit: Steel construction radar hut; 2 x 2 x 2 m. For further construction and dimensions, see Annex 3, this report. [redacted] radar tracked aircraft which were flying beyond the international boundary of Germany. 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
18. Portable armaments building: Tin and steel construction, 2 x 2.20 x 2.20 m. [redacted] the following weapons were stored: 25X1
MG-17N machine guns for M-109 fighter aircraft; MG-131, MG-151 machine guns; pistols (8.0, 7.62 and 7.92 mm.); automatic weapons (9 mm.); and hand grenades (Skoda 34-type).
19. Hangar: wood construction; blade barrel-type roof; [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] following type aircraft in or near hangar:

Soviet Aircraft:

One (1) MIG-15
One (1) YAK
One LA-9
One LA-7

Czechoslovak Designation:

S-102
S-101
called "LAVOCKA"
called "LAVOCKA"

German Aircraft:

One (1) Schwalbe ME-26? (third number unknown), twin jet
One (1) ME-109

British Aircraft:

One (1) "MOSQUITO"

Czechoslovak Aircraft:

One (1) P-2 (Trainer)
One (1) C-104 (Trainer)

Above aircraft were used by air cadets for training purposes.

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20. Bridge: Reinforced concrete; dimensions unknown. Railroad, Point 5, Annex 1, ran under bridge.
21. Single-track railroad: refer to Point 5, Annex 1.
22. State highway: Refer to Point 4, Annex 1.
23. Fence: Mesh wire, steel posts; approximately 1.80 m. high. Ran 350 m. along highway (Point 4, Annex 1).
24. Dependents' quarters: Two-story gray stucco brick, black tarpaper, gable roof; [redacted] Officers' two-family quarters. 25X1 25X1
25. Building: Two-story; reinforced concrete; flat roof; [redacted] Section A contained offices and main telephone communications center; Section B billeted airfield guards. 25X1
26. Airfield road: Cobblestone, 5.5 m. wide, good condition.
27. Automotive maintenance garage: Gray stucco brick, flat roof. [redacted] Motor pool vehicles used this for parking space. 25X1
28. Automotive maintenance garage: Same as Point 27 above.
29. Stile: wood construction, 12-15 m. long, 6 m. high in center. Used by pedestrians only. Stile was built over fence and railroad; served as entrance to flight line area.
30. Field: Asphalt, 100 x 80 m. Used for marching and close order drill.
31. Driveway: Cobblestone, [redacted] Mainly for vehicles to and from flight line area. Gate was at each end. 25X1
32. Base headquarters building: Three-story, gray stucco brick, flat roof, 150 x 25 m. "L" shape, 25 - 30 m. long. Building consisted of mess hall, kitchen, billets for non-coms, lavatories, military clothing supply, offices and the base commander's office.
33. Building: Reinforced concrete construction; flat roof; 20 x 20 x 6 m. Building was bombed in the center section during World War II. Because of sturdy construction, only part of the building was torn down. One section of the building was used for parking bicycles and motorcycles. Part of the standing structure contained an electric power plant for the airfield (one diesel engine, one generator). Enough electric power was generated to supply the entire airfield but this power was used only in emergencies.
34. Main airfield gate: Steel construction [redacted] Double swing-type gate which was closed during the night. One guard on duty 24 hours a day. 25X1 25X1

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III. AIRFIELD INFORMATION:

Brno-Slatina was a military airfield located approximately one km. southeast of the city of Brno (Point 9, Annex 1, this report), and approximately 500 m. northwest of the village of Slatina (point 3, Annex 1, this report). Airfield consisted of one air strip used as runway (Point 3a, Annex 2, this report) and a taxistrip (Point 3b, Annex 2, this report). The surface of the airfield was level, sodded grass with the exception of the shaded area, as shown in Annex 2, this report, which was concrete.

[redacted] flying activity and weather conditions were normal.

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Annex 1: Overlay [redacted] Scale 1:100,000, [redacted] Hodonin, Pinpointing Approximate Location of Brno-Turany Airfield.

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Annex 2: [redacted] Sketch of Brno-Slatina Military Airfield.

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Annex 3: [redacted] Sketch of Mobile Radar Unit observed at Brno-Slatina Military Airfield.

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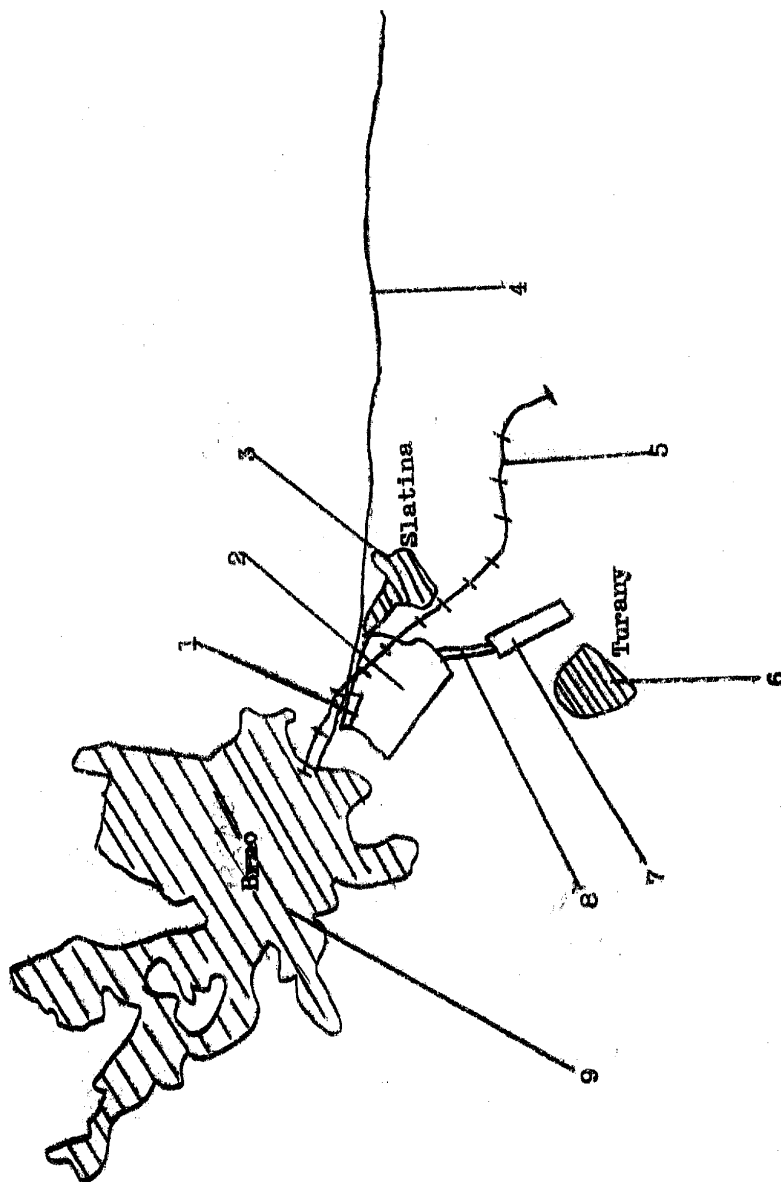
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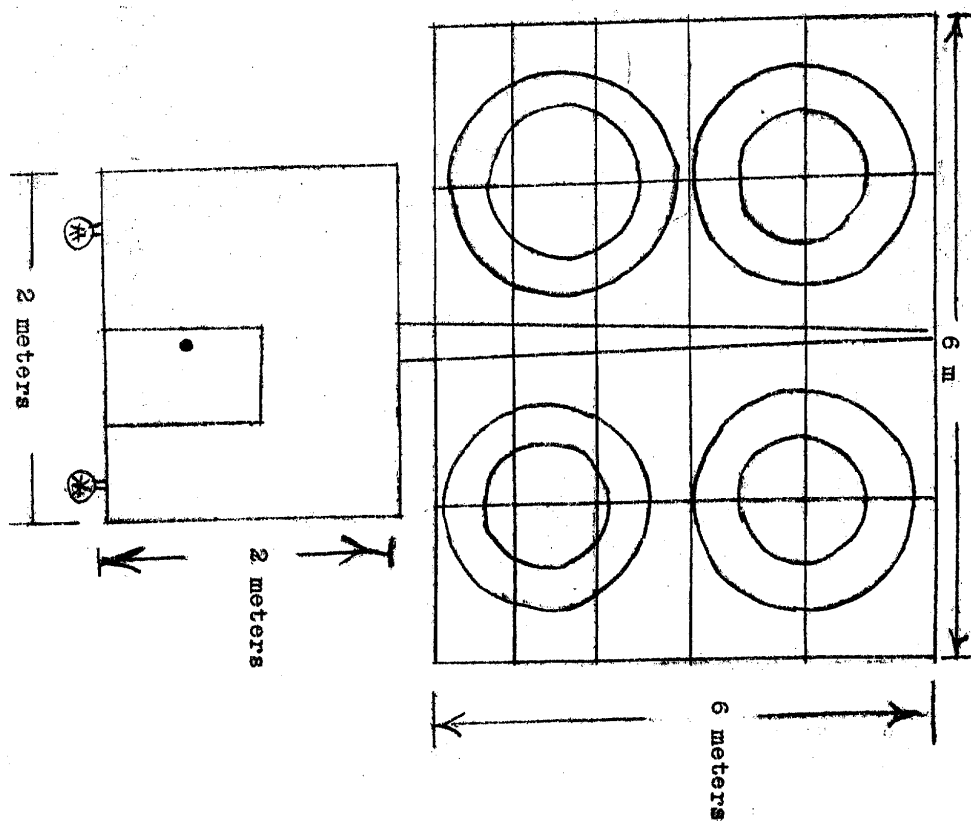
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Annex 3: Sketch of Mobile Radar Unit observed at Brno-Slatina Military Airfield.

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